

ND SHOOTING

Should Handicap Ruth as Home Run Clouter

Suggestion Made That Babe Be Out on Two Strikes or
on Alternate Circuit Smashes, or Use Bat a
Foot Shorter Than Other Players.

By ED BANG.

Babe Ruth never made four home runs in one game. He never made three home runs in one game. He never made five home runs in two games. He never made six home runs in three games. But —when you've said that, you have pretty nearly exhausted the list of home run achievements that Babe has not put to his credit—specify in the name of home run hitting in consecutive games.

Two home runs in one game have become so common as not to be worth talking about any more. But from three to nine home runs in one game, the

runs in successive games, and Babe comes along and runs up seven.

But the list speaks for itself, so why go into details?

There is one point in this matter that the stove league ought to discuss in serious gravity. Babe Ruth isn't fair to ordinary ball players. It's too easy for him. Now in horse racing, when a nag comes out and wins three or four of the races, the horse gets handicapped. In golf, when a superman comes along, that nag gets handicapped. In the ring, no contest

up to four home runs within the nine innings of a single game baseball history records severely authenticated performance, was staged between the years 1880 (when scores first took notice of four base hits and insured them in the box score summary) and 1921, inclusive. And those years were the best performance years for the home run hitter, stand opposite the name of George Herman Ruth.

When you consider that Babe really only got into his home run habit in 1929, and that in two years he has done one-third as much as all the stars of the big league (himself included) accomplished in forty-two years, the evidence is pretty clear that the world never really saw a home run hitter until Babe came on the scene.

Ruth, twenty-two, was a slugging forty-seven. Some Babe, eh?

Anson's name appears four times in the record and Williamson's name appears four times, while the name of Buck Freeman and Gaver's name are noted as home run hitters, do not appear at all.

Anson, Mike Kelly, Hardie Richardson, and Mike Maddon were the only men ever to hit as many as five home

runs in a game. Each man had a different explanation for his feat. Anson gave him; he must train down his class. And in poker, when a man proves himself a shark, his fellows leave him alone. But here is Babe Ruth playing the same old trick. He is the only ordinary player. So the question arises, "What shall we do about it?"

Various suggestions might be considered:

1. Babe Ruth is "out" on two strikes.
2. Babe Ruth must use a bat one foot shorter than anybody else.
3. Every alternate home run Babe hits is "out."
4. In the inning when Babe Ruth comes to bat, one "out" is to be charged against the Yanks before the opposing pitcher throws the first of four strikes.
5. On his first trip to the plate in each game Babe Ruth must keep his right hand off the bat.
6. When Babe Ruth comes to bat, an instant delivery that the pitcher knows is to be allowed by the umpire.
7. If any Yank is on base when Babe Ruth comes to bat, the side must be out.

Home run figures follow:

HOME RUN HITTING.			
Arranged According to Average Per Game.			
H.R.G.	Average Per Game.	H.R.G.	Average Per Game.
H. I.	1.00	H. I.	1.00

2	in 1	3.60	in 3	1.40
2	in 1	2.50	in 3	1.40
2	in 1	2.50	in 3	1.40
2	in 1	1.67	in 4	1.40
2	in 1	1.50	in 4	1.00

FOUR HOME RUNS IN ONE GAME.

Player, Club, League, Date.	AB.	R.	H.	2	4	T.B.
Ed Delahanty, Phil., A., July 12, 1895.	6	4	3	0	2	1.00
R. L. Lowe, Boston, N., May 20, 1894.	6	4	3	0	0	4

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R. L. Lowe, Boston, N., May 20, 1894.	6	4	3	0	0	4

Beckley, Cincinnati, N. Sept. 20, 1897.	3	3	3	0	0	3	12
Brothers, Detroit, N. Sept. 10, 1888.	3	3	3	3	0	3	15
Conner, N. Y. Aug. 18, 1889.	4	4	4	0	0	4	16
Hecker, Louisville, AA, Aug. 5, 1886.	4	4	4	0	0	4	16
Joyce, Washington, N. May 18, 1887.	4	4	4	0	0	4	16
McCreary, Louisville, N. July 12, 1897.	4	3	3	3	0	3	13
Manning, Phila., N. Oct. 9, 1884.	5	3	3	3	0	3	14
Shannon, St. Louis, N. Oct. 10, 1884.	5	3	3	3	0	3	14
Williamson, Chicago, N. May 20, 1884.	4	4	4	0	0	3	13

FIVE HOME RUNS IN TWO GAMES.

Player, Club, League, Date.	AB.	R.	H.	2	3	4	T.B.
Anson, Chicago, N. Aug. 4, 1887.	9	8	9	0	0	0	21

FOUR HOME RUNS IN TWO GAMES.

Player, Club, League, Date.	AB.	R.	H.	2	3	4	T.B.
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Conder, New York, N. C., May 9, 1888	8	8	0	0	4	12
Lagale, Phila., N. C., Aug. 12, 1882	8	6	0	0	4	18
O'Tourke, Boston, N. C., July 12-14, 1880	10	4	0	0	4	17
Ruth, New York, Am., June 15-14, 1921	10	10	0	0	4	24
FIVE HOME RUNS IN THREE GAMES						
Player, Club, League, Date	AB.	R.	H.	2	3	4 T.B.
Kelly, Chicago, N. C., Sept. 23-25, 1881	18	8	1	1	0	5
Mohler, Chicago, N. C., July 27-28, 1882	10	7	1	0	0	4
Ruth, New York, A. C., June 12-14, 1921	10	7	2	0	5	24
SIX HOME RUNS IN FOUR GAMES						
Player, Club, League, Date	AB.	R.	H.	2	5	4 T.B.
Ruth, New York, A. C., June 11-14, 1921	32	9	8	4	23	37
THREE HOME RUNS IN TWO GAMES						
Player, Club, League, Date	AB.	R.	H.	2	3	4 T.B.
Conder, New York, N. C., May 9, 1888	8	3	1	1	0	5

7	Clarkson, Chicago, N. Oct. 4-9, 1884.	8	4	0	0	0	0	12
8	Dacia, New York, N. May 11-12, 1886.	9	0	0	1	0	0	13
9	Decker, St. Louis, Mo. Sept. 20-21, 1921.	10	0	0	0	0	0	14
10	Hellmuth, Detroit, A. July 28-29, 1920.	11	0	5	0	0	0	11
11	Kinslow, Brooklyn, B. L. July 9-9, 1886.	12	0	0	0	0	0	15
12	Melish, N. Y. Aug. 20, 1880.	13	0	0	0	0	0	16
13	Peckinpach, N. Y. A. July 22-23, 1920.	14	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	Pfeiffer, Chicago, N. Sept. 11-12, 1920.	15	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	Ruth, N. Y. A. June 11-12, 1920.	16	0	0	0	0	1	16
16	Ruth, N. Y. A. May 20-27, 1920.	17	0	0	0	0	0	14
17	Ruth, N. Y. A. June 1-2, 1920.	18	0	0	0	0	0	15
18	Ruth, N. Y. A. June 23-25, 1920.	19	0	4	0	0	0	14
19	Ruth, N. Y. A. July 15-20, 1920.	20	0	0	0	0	0	12
20	Ruth, N. Y. A. Aug. 4-5, 1920.	21	0	0	0	0	0	15
21	Ruth, N. Y. A. Sept. 27-29, 1920.	22	0	0	0	0	0	12
22	Ruth, N. Y. A. June 12-13, 1921.	23	0	0	0	0	0	13
23	Ruth, N. Y. A. July 11-12, 1921.	24	0	0	0	0	0	13
24	Ruth, N. Y. A. Aug. 1-2, 1921.	25	0	0	0	0	0	13
25	Smith, Cleveland, A. Sept. 5-5, 1921.	26	0	0	0	0	2	0

SEVEN HOME RUNS IN FIVE GAMES.									
Player.	Club.	League.	Date.	A.B.	R.	H.	E.	3B.	T.B.
Ruth, N. Y.	A.	1914.	1921	10	10	10	2	0	7
FOUR HOME RUNS IN THREE GAMES.									
Player.	Club.	League.	Date.	A.B.	R.	H.	E.	3B.	T.B.
Ruth, Boston.	A.	Aug. 23-25, 1919.		13	5	6	0	0	4
Ruth, N. Y.	A.	May 2-21, 1920.		10	4	10	0	0	4
Ruth, N. Y.	A.	July 1-13, 1921.		9	6	10	0	0	4
Smith, Cleveland.	A.	Sept. 4-5, 1921.		7	7	7	2	0	4
Williamson, Chicago.	N.	June 25-26, 1914.		12	5	6	1	0	4
Three home runs in three consecutive hits at bat.									
FIVE HOME RUNS IN FIVE GAMES.									
Player.	Club.	League.	Date.	A.B.	R.	H.	E.	3B.	T.B.
H. Richardson, Bos.	P.	July 19-15, 1890.		12	3	0	5	5	5
FOUR HOME RUNS IN FOUR GAMES.									
Player.	Club.	League.	Date.	A.B.	R.	H.	E.	3B.	T.B.
Bradley, Cleveland.	A.	May 21-24, 1902.		18	7	9	2	0	4
				18	4	10	2	0	4

THREE HOME RUNS IN THREE GAMES.									
Player.	Club.	League.	Date.	AB.	R.	H.	R.	I.	T.B.
Alston, Chicago.	N. Y.	Sept. 22, 1884.	14	5	4	1	3	0	10
Brouette, Buffalo.	N. Y.	July 28-30, 1881.	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
DeFenbaugh, Philadelphia.	N. Y.	Aug. 13-15, 1895.	14	0	12	2	0	0	0
DeFenbaugh, Philadelphia.	N. Y.	July 1-3, 1888.	14	0	12	2	0	0	0
Farrell, Chicago.	N. Y.	Aug. 12-14, 1880.	14	0	7	3	0	0	0
Flint, Chicago.	N. Y.	July 1-3, 1888.	15	5	10	1	0	0	22
Proffer, Chicago.	N. Y.	June 18-18, 1887.	15	5	10	1	0	0	22
Ruth, N. Y.	N. Y.	Aug. 9, 1920.	9	4	4	0	0	0	17
Ruth, N. Y.	N. Y.	July 22-23, 1920.	9	4	5	3	0	0	17
Ruth, N. Y.	N. Y.	April 20-22, 1920.	10	4	5	3	0	0	17
Ruth, N. Y.	N. Y.	June 20-22, 1921.	10	4	5	3	0	0	17
Ruth, N. Y.	N. Y.	Aug. 10-12, 1921.	13	5	6	3	0	0	22
Ruth, N. Y.	N. Y.	July 2-4, 1921.	13	5	6	3	0	0	22
Tyran, Chicago.	N. Y.	Aug. 1-3, 1887.	16	7	9	1	0	0	27
Wheeler, Philadelphia.	N. Y.	Aug. 1-3, 1887.	16	7	9	1	0	0	27
Sister, St. Louis.	A. A.	Aug. 8-10, 1920.	12	5	6	1	1	0	18
Sunday, Chicago.	N. Y.	June 4-6, 1887.	12	5	6	1	0	0	18
Williamson, Chicago.	N. Y.	Aug. 1-3, 1884.	13	3	0	0	0	0	3
Williamson, Chicago.	N. Y.	May 10-12, 1887.	14	5	0	0	1	0	11

The Hoboken players were seldom able to pierce the Peddie defence. The first half ended with the Gold and Blue leading, 28 to 44.

Substitutions: Peddie—Vanderwerf for Galtzer, Calabro for Vandover, Vandover for Calabro, Riggs for Meinet, Bumsag-Heitsch for Stetymetz. Referee—Mr. Elmer Trenton. Time of halves—39 minutes.

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